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'28,'29,'30,'31 A's on the El Refugio

(Santa Barbara Tour)

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Garage Sale: June 6, 8am -2pm. Lots of Model A parts and interesting related items.

Vintage clothing. Bob & Karyn Sitter

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Thanks.....

Dear Model A Club of Orange County,

Just a short note to let you know how very much appreciated was the donation of the leftover syrup, margarine and oil from the Pancake Breakfast to the Catholic Worker in Santa Ana. We delivered it on Sunday afternoon and the volunteers were delighted as the pantry was pretty low after feeding a large group breakfast on Easter Sunday. This dedicated group feed and tend to the needs of many of the less fortunate and are always grateful for any help from the community they may receive. They asked us to extend their appreciation!

Jim and Ann Steinmetz

The Open Hood Prez!



Time for another chat for the month of June.

In spite of rumors you may have heard, your president was not lost-they just moved the Mall of Orange.

We have had some wonderful events in May. In spite of threatening weather on Wednesday, several cars braved the elements and were met with wonderful weather in Santa Barbara. Dennis did his thing, shopping for signs, etc. with Sam, Larry and Dick helping to look. Lots of the ladies went shopping and came home with lots of goodies. Another day found us going to the Solvang area-seeing everything from a horse farm to llamas and waterfalls. It was the first year in a long time the Mariolas missed Santa Barbara and were sorely missed by all, especially Betsy.

There were a couple of mishaps. One with Gary and Marilyn Chambers' carburetor and the Graves' "Clara" got tired climbing all those hills and took a flatbed home from Zuma Beach-thanks to Triple A. Both cars have been well tended to and should be back on the road. Good to see the Chambers back with us.

Diana and Bill put on a "marvelous" tour to Palomar. It was one of the best planned and most scenic tours the club has had. The tour through the observatory was the chance of a lifetime and hopefully we all got smart. Four A's and Deutch's '39 La Salle and one modern made it up the hill with ease. It was nice to be joined by the Shooks for our picnic and tour. Thanks again for the memorable trip.

To celebrate Memorial Day, two cars of us went to Fairhaven Memorial Park for the services and had a very uplifting day. We even got a free lunch

for showing the cars.

Lots of things coming up in June. Be sure and mark your calendars: June 14th-Henry Ford Birthday, June 20th-Steam Engine museum, and a group leaves for Reno, June 26th. Wings 'n Wheels is in July so hope you all have registered and have your room reservations.

Hope this finds Pieter Dwinger well on his way to recovery. Marian Wavra is scheduled for knee surgery May 27. Good luck and a speedy recovery.

Glad to hear the Loefflers are safely back from Oregon. Helen's surgery has been postponed.

Hope to see you all at the meeting June 11th and we have been assured we will have our room.

See ya, John



Double open hood



That's not what they mean by model A horn, John

Board Meeting
Orange County Chapter
Model A Club of America
May 21, 1998

The meeting was called to order by John Riggs at 7:45pm at the home of John & Alice Graves. Members present were: John & Gwen Riggs, Mike Kuester, Carl Erickson, and John & Alice Graves.

A review of the Pancake Breakfast was first on the agenda. Breakfasts sold were just slightly under last year's totals, but the raffle was very successful and the number of cars was more than last year. Carl Erickson reported that lots of articles sold and the drinks sold out. There were many requests for bottled water and he suggested that water be sold next year. Some concern was expressed about the high cost of the T-shirts. Everyone agreed that they were good design and color but the profit margin was too low to cover any unsold T-shirts.

Activities: Greg covered the Ford picnic on June 14th and the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum on June 20th. He also covered the rest of the summer plans.

Technical: Mike discussed the brake seminar. The next seminar will be held at the home of Dale and Kathie McCall and will help with the aligning of the body and fenders. It will be at 7:00pm on June 12th.

New Business: Vince Mariola has agreed to be Election Chairman. There will be a list of recommended people for next year's Board, with room for added names. Hopefully there will be several names for each job.

Old Business: June meeting will be the last at the school for the summer. July, August and September meetings will be at Hart Park.

Carl Erickson's car will be the car of the month.

Next Board meeting at Mike & Robyn Kuester's.
Adjourned at 9:00pm.

Alice Graves, Sec.Pro-tem.(or-something)

Minutes of May 14, General Meeting

Greg Carcerano opened the meeting at 7:35pm filling in, in the absence of our club president, John Riggs.

Approximately 40 members present. Some of our members were on the Santa Barbara tour. After the flag salute, our four new members were introduced. Diana Stewart gave a brief report on the success of the Pancake Breakfast. Greg reported the recent tour activities. Richard Parrish was congratulated on his "oops" trophy, which was awarded to him at the Santa Fe Dam Park on Fun Day, May 3rd. Bill Douglas announced the upcoming tour to Palomar Observatory, May 23rd. Henry Ford Picnic June 14th which will be held at the Wilderness Park in Downey. June 20th Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum in Vista. June 28th the Reno tour and July 9th Wings and Wheels.

Tom Endy's brake seminar was a success.

No Hard Luck Trophy was awarded.

Pete Mastro brought his '31 Coupe "Pepe". We celebrated his son, Pete's 13th, birthday.

Jim Nichols has a Double A chassis, rolling ring, if anyone is interested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Leslie Carcerano Sec. Pro-tem

(This was minutes by committee since Colleen was on vacation.)

Fun Day!!!!

As with every tour this winter, rain was a possibility. We escaped dry. Greg made us all proud with the great addition he had for the contest. It was obviously more work than most of the other entries, but so hard that Richard Parrish had a total of "zip". At least he got a trophy along with John Graves who couldn't hit a ball straight with his bumper!

TECHNICAL NEWS:

Well, the roosters had hardly begun crowin' when about 12 Model A'ers showed up ready to go for the May 9th brake drum replacement seminar at 8:00am. A total of 28 drums were disassembled, cleaned, bead blasted and reassembled with new cast iron units and lug nuts. Thanks to the Herculean efforts of Tom Endy, Jim Nichols and many other helpers, the task was finally completed about 4:00pm. Tom is now looking for a bit part as a body builder after single-handedly pressing in about 140 lugs with the handle of a 20-ton press. Show us those biceps! All in all it was a great day and a lot was accomplished towards making our beloved cars more fun and safe!

A Little Hub Trivia:

For you *really* technical types, we discovered at least 7 different names and/or markings that appeared on the hub assemblies that we worked on. Known originals had either a raised Ford marking and an "S" symbol or a stamped, spoked wheel symbol with the words "Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Corp" around the rim of the symbol. Other markings included "FM", "X", a backward "L" and a "0" next to a backwards "1". If anyone can identify these markings, please let us know so we can share the info with the club.

June Technical Seminar:

Our next seminar will be held at the home of Dale & Kathie McCall in Orange on June 12th, beginning at 7:00pm. This is a continuation of our club's effort to support a fellow member in a major restoration and also provide a learning environment. Dale's 1930 Murray Fordor will be our center of attention and we will try to focus specifically on the body and fenders, especially

their alignment. We need experienced sheet metal folks and also those with a keen eye for possible problem parts, so please come and lend a hand! We could also use a nicely restored '30 Murray for comparison, so please bring one if you can.

Car of the Month:

June's Car of the Month will be Carl Erickson's 1930 Fordor Sedan.



A short prayer over the brakes!



Our fearless technical leader.

Schedule of Activities

June 1998

11th Thursday

General Meeting
Santiago Elementary School
(See map on back cover)

12th Friday

Body and Fender alignment seminar.
7:00pm--Dale & Kathie McCall's
588 Glenrose Dr.
Orange, Ca. 633-0946

14th Sunday

Annual Henry Ford Day Picnic
Wilderness Park in Downey, Raffle, Car Judging
much more, surprise menu. Bring chairs.
Meet at Coco's (Valley View & 22) 8:00am

18th Thursday

Board Meeting
Mike and Robyn Kuester
3142 N Hearthside st.
Orange, (714)974-3329(see map)

20th Saturday

Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum.
(See Article)

19th Friday

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28th Sunday

2nd Annual Meet at Reno

July 1998

9th-11th Thurs-Sat.

Wings & Wheels
See the Riggs for registration forms.

26th Sunday

Poker Run

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4th-8th Tues - Sat.

Leaving July 30th for tour to the MAFCA
Northwest Regional Meet in Surrey, British
Columbia. Registration forms at meeting. See
article in last month's *Distributor*.

22nd Sunday

70th Birthday picnic

September 1998

11th-13th Fri.-Sun.

Rim of the World Tour

19th Saturday

Progressive Dinner

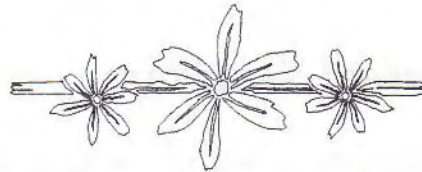
20th Sunday

Harbor "A" Antique & Classic Car Swap Meet
7:00am-3:00pm, TRW parking lot in Manhattan
Beach

November 1998

7th Saturday

Diamond Tread Chapter-Parts Exchange
6:00-2:00 Vintage Auto Parts in Stanton



Cards and Calls

Marion Wavra is through her surgery and should
be home the first part of June. Cards can be sent to
her home by the time you read this.

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum Tour

By Greg Carcerano

The museum depicts farming and industry during the period from 1849-1950. It is a working collection. 95% of the collection is still operational. The museum sits on 40 acres, much of which is actively cultivated with traditional early California crops. The tour will lead you to the following locations: a sawmill, harvest equipment, blacksmith and wheelwright shops, a tractor tow, a museum building, steam tractors, a steam engine tow, a railroad, a gas engine tow, and a farm house. There will be no cost for a Model A and 2 people. Each additional person is \$6 each. There will also be early American crafts and sale, arts and crafts displays, and entertainment. Food will also be available on premises. This is a freeway tour with a fast and slow group. Don't miss the fun. Hope to see you there! Any questions? Contact Greg. Depart from Sears South Coast Plaza at 7:15AM.



Big spender at swap meet



Richard wonders how he could have missed hitting it every time.



Santa Barbara Cruise Night.



Editors wanted to add glamour & class to the *Distributor!*

Be Careful What You Ask For.....

As the story goes "you may get it". I'm no Andy Rooney, but when asked to write about the last tours, I decided there was something you members need to know.

John Graves called me with disturbing news several weeks ago. His car had a broken crank, broken cam and "hydraulic lock". Big Trouble! Reinstallation of the starter, new spark plugs and setting the points fixed these serious problems and we set up a "buddy tour" of just 2 Model A's to see what "Clara" was made of.

After 200 miles in a blinding rain storm over Ortega Rd., and De Luz Rd., fording streams, mud slides and washed out road, John was euphoric. "Clara" performed flawlessly.

A week later "Clara" stormed up El Refugio Rd. north of Santa Barbara with the rest of us. The low gear switchbacks were no problem. Only a washed out road made the Riggs, Graves, Chambers, Marion Wavra, Katheryn and the Parrishs turn back. The Chambers' car was running poorly but it made it back within a block of the motel. We towed it in for some "warrantee" work on the distributor by Dick Riha.

Now some news for the 150 members of our club who DIDN'T go on the Palomar tour. You made one big mistake. Diana Stewart led us through some of the most beautiful country roads in three counties, Oak forests, 5400 ft. Mt. Palomar, pastoral meadows, Lake Henshaw, rock formations and a trip over De Luz Rd.. When it was dry. Bill Douglas conducted a behind-the-scenes tour of the giant 200 inch telescope including an "E" ticket ride when they revolved the dome just for us. The rest of the tourists looked through the glass windows at us. Thanks Diana and Bill for an outstanding tour. Mel Collings required 3 short roadside seminars and a part changing session at the motel. John Riggs had the correct diagnosis

(after we changed everything else). Walt and Patricia Deutsch's 4700 lb. 1939 La Salle made the trip without problems, Graves' Lexus did OK too.

If *El Presidente* John Riggs had shown up at the Orange Mall on Saturday, where instructed, we could have left an hour earlier. Instead, they had a private tour from South Coast Plaza to Temecula where they joined the rest of us.

In conclusion, the shocking news is that John Graves intends to contest the hard luck trophy if it is proffered because "Clara" broke the drive shaft on the way home from Santa Barbara and he has worked on her ever since. Including trips to San Diego and Orange from far off Laguna Beach.

He claims this was "good luck" since he was chauffeur driven for 94 miles with "Clara" on a flatbed truck, and he only used a quarter tank of gas from Santa Barbara to Laguna.

Richard "Bigmouth" Parrish



Richard models his orange jacket. Carl has a few left if you hurry.

Put this on your calendar+++

On July 25th from 11:00 to 3:00 in Yorba Linda, the Imperial and Rose Shopping Center wants to showcase our cars. There will be a peoples choice awards. By the way, this is on Rt. 66. Sounds like fun!

A Trip to the Stars

Our sincere "Thanks" to Diana and Bill for a spectacular tour of Palomar Observatory.

Not only was the trip well planned, with written instructions and maps of the beautiful country roads we took, but the inside tour of the observatory itself was a chance-of-a-lifetime.

Bill did a super job of explaining the workings and the history of the observatory.

The overall trip was very successful and enjoyed by all who attended. Again, many thanks from

*Patde & Walter Deutsch and all the
Club Members*



This picture was taken at the Palomar Observatory. As you notice, everyone is looking in a different direction. This kind of represents the participants on this tour. The directions were so good that some people made up their own. At some points there must have been Model A's all over South County. It was a case of the "Keystone Cops" go on a Model A tour. But, as usual, we all made it to lunch!



Was it a beautiful day? Or what!



Bill points out the asteroid heading for Mt Palomar.



The "munch! munch!" bunch.



The 1998 Pancake Breakfast
Dedicated to Joe Wavra



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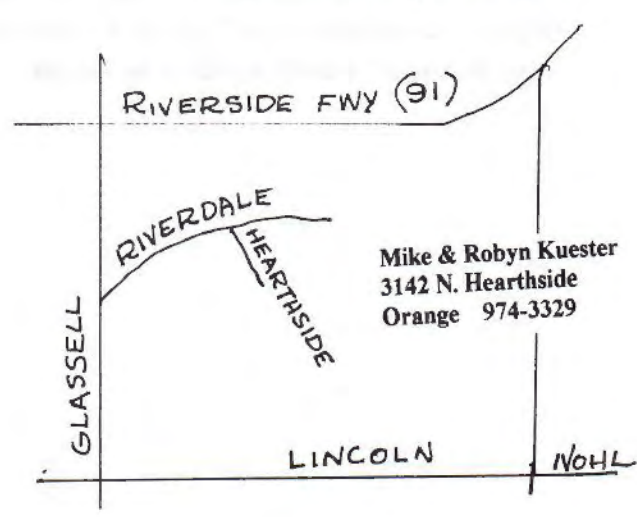
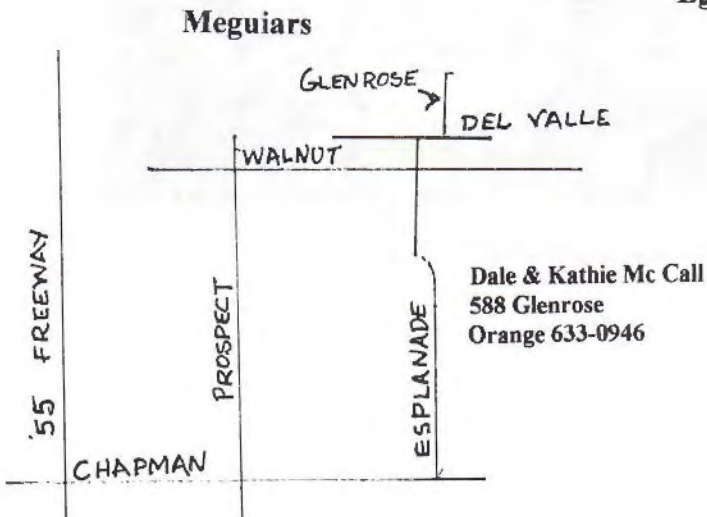
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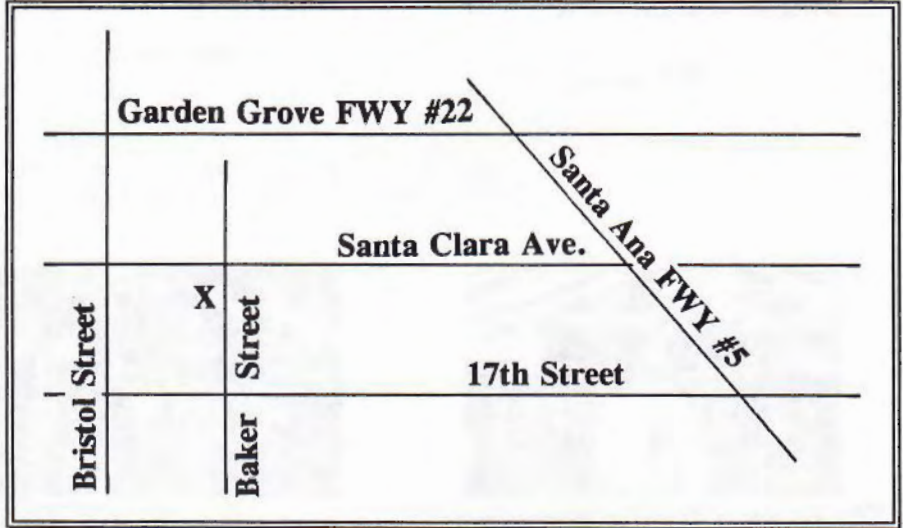
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GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

(Second Thursday of every month.)

June 11, 1998 @ 7:30 .P.M.

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